



E-Health Advisory Council
September 10, 2008

Council Members Absent:

Brett Klausman
Marta Fisher Linenberger

Members Attending Via Conference Call:

Dennis Lauver

Guests:

Chris Tilden, attending in absence of Secretary Rob Bremby

Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director and Chris Tilden, Director of the Office of Local and Rural Health at KDHE

- Dr. Nielsen called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the first meeting of the Council. She also reviewed the history of health information technology in Kansas and the important role that HIT will have in the future. The chair of the E-Health Advisory Council is David Cook, PhD, Assistant Vice Chancellor of External Affairs at the University of Kansas Medical Center.
- Chris Tilden also welcomed Council members from the Secretary, and said he is looking forward to working with this group to help improve the health system in rural areas of Kansas.

Introductions

- Introductions of Council members and KHPA staff were made. Each present member introduced his or herself and informed the Council which organization they represented, and what their organization was doing to promote health information technology, as well as any past experience they had with HIT.

Dr. Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director

- Dr. Nielsen reviewed the charter statement of the E-Health Advisory Council. KHPA has been given the authority by the Kansas Legislature to push a coordinated approach to health care in Kansas. The charter is the result of work with the Governor's office to figure out what is the next step in health information technology should be after the HIE Commission. The Governor and the KHPA Board have chosen three areas that they want focus on to influence HIT: 1. Leveraging purchasing power of the state to promote the use of HIT, 2. Provide guidance on the function's of the Resource Center, as outlined by the Governor's Health Information Exchange Commission (although the Legislature did not provide funding for this center), and 3. Providing recommendations on policy issues in HIT and HIE.

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- Membership of the Council was derived from a list of organizations, but not all organizations are represented. In an effort to keep the size small, there will be approximately 15 members, with Dr. Nielsen and Secretary Bremby serving as ex-officio members.

Karen Braman, Manager of Preferred Health Systems

- Karen Braman provided a historical overview of the numerous health information technology and health information exchange initiatives that have taken place in Kansas in the past few years. Among those initiatives were the Governor's Health Care Cost Containment Commission, the Kansas HIT/HIE Policy Initiative, Advanced Technology ID Cards, the Health Information Privacy and Security Collaborative, the Community Health Record Pilot as well as others.

Helen Connors, RN, PhD, Associate Dean, University of Kansas School of Nursing, and Gina Maree, LCSW, Director of Health Care Finance and Organization, Kansas Health Institute

- Dr. Helen Connors and Gina Maree provided information about the State Implementation Project of the Kansas Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC). Dr. Connors presented on a number of projects, and Gina Maree gave specific information about the legal components of HISPC. There have been three phases of the HISPC project, which have considered numerous issues surrounding health information. Some of what the project has looked at surrounded the issues of privacy and security, harmonizing state and federal laws regarding health information, and consumer education and engagement. Kansas has worked collaboratively with other states to produce a glossary of HIT/HIE terms, and an inventory of teaching materials for states to use. Kansas also worked on a rural health consumers report specific to Kansas.
- After the presentation, there was discussion from the Council about the harmonization of laws project, as well as what Kansas' role should be in promoting HIT without out-stepping our bounds, or adopting a technology that will not work in the future.

Dr. Marcia Nielsen, KHPA FY 2010 Budget Request

- The request is to provide funding to advance a statewide system of health information infrastructure including technical assistance for health care providers who want to leverage information technology in their practices. The statewide expansion of the Community Health Record in FY 2010 would cost \$1,096,000 including \$383,600 from the State General Fund. Of that amount, \$225,000 would be for administrative costs.

Adjournment of the Meeting, Chair Dr. David Cook

- The Council discussed their role moving forward, and the frequency of future meetings. It was decided that the group will meet monthly, at least in the beginning. KHPA staff will send out an e-mail to find dates and times that will work for a meeting in October.
- The meeting was adjourned.